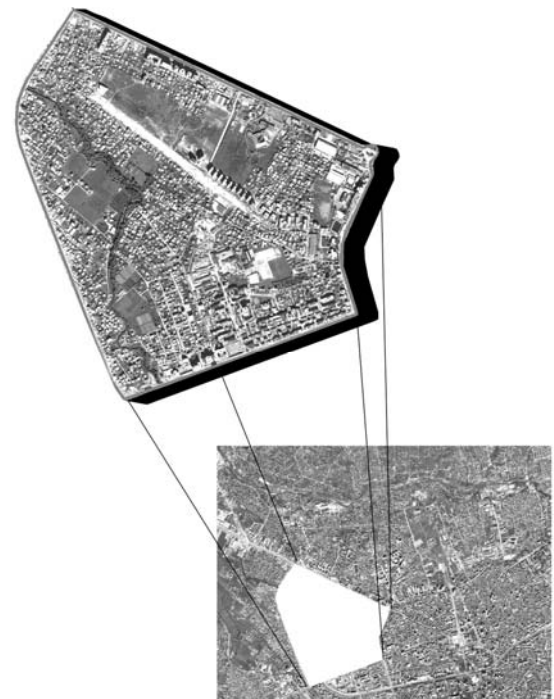


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spatial interventions in tirana residential areas

tirana 5-10 October 2009



## Context

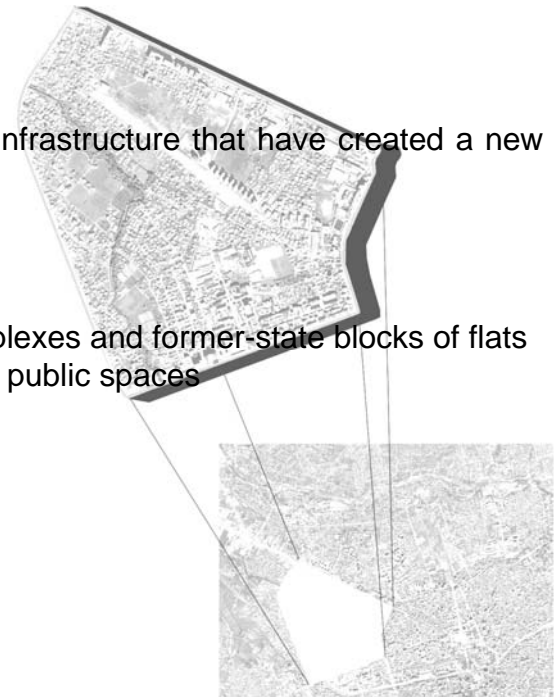
Over the last 20 years, Tirana's urban space has transformed rapidly, towards two different directions.

### 1. Transformation of the city centre and the main road axes

- New land uses (commerce, offices and entertainment)
- New housing complexes
- Interventions on the major public spaces and upgrading of public infrastructure that have created a new image for the city centre

### 2. Development of an extended periphery

- Mixture of informal small-scale houses, large-scale residential complexes and former-state blocks of flats
- Without planning, social and technical infrastructure or provision for public spaces
- High quality of private space and neglected public space



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Result:

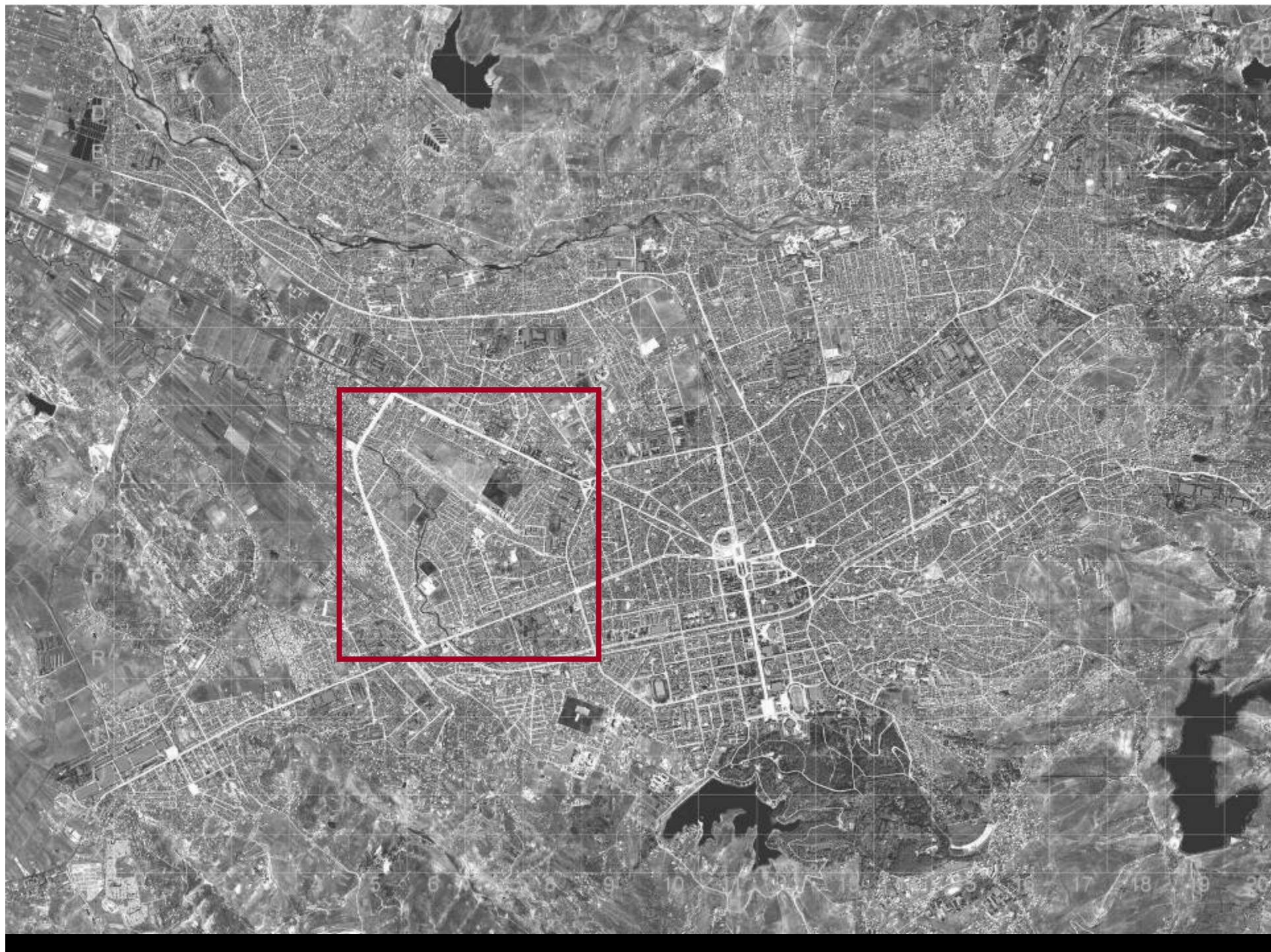
- Poor urban environment
- Fragmentation of urban space
- Socio-spatial inequalities

Challenge → **“bringing the city together”**

How?

By exploring new modes of urban interventions in open (public, common-use, semi-public) space





## Theme

### **Identify spatial and social connections within this area and between this area and its surroundings**

How is the study area structured and what are some key issues/problems?

### **Investigate different typologies of urban fabric and everyday practices**

What are the spatial characteristics and social function of the open, common-use, public or semi-public spaces, the sometimes-leftover spaces, where the everyday activities take place?

### **Explore new modes of intervention**

How planning and design can strengthen public and common spaces in order to deal with the fragmentation of the city?



## **“Points of view”**

- Nature and green spaces
- Centrality and articulation of scales
- Local cultures and public space
- Productive activities in the urban tissue
- Forms of mobility
- Social networks, livelihoods and everyday life



## The structure of the project

### Stage 1: Monday to Wednesday

- Identify the general structure and some key issues/problems of the study area
- Analyze housing typologies and typologies of open, public / common-use / private spaces
- Record land uses, population and building densities, public infrastructures, social networks, etc
- Identify relations of spaces, uses, practices and meanings
- Present the tools and methods you will use for your interventions.

### Wednesday afternoon

Presentation

One (1) poster A1 size.

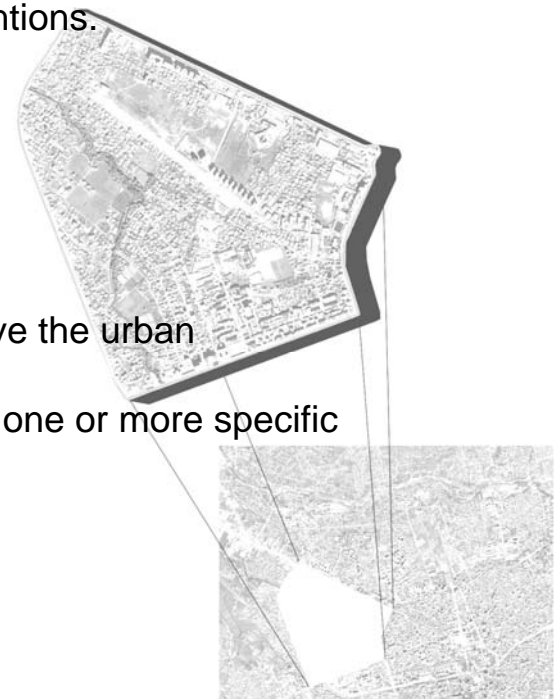
### Stage 2: Thursday to Saturday

- Elaborate concepts / strategies / scenarios aiming to improve the urban environment and the living standards
- Propose an urban design or planning project by focusing in one or more specific sub-areas.

### Saturday afternoon

Final presentation

Two (2) posters A1 size.



## Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9.30 – 10.30	Lectures	Lectures	Studio	Lecture	Studio	Studio	Daytrip
10.30-14.00	Site visit	Site visit and / or Studio		Studio			
14.00-15.30		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
15.30-17.00		Studio	Studio	Studio	Studio	Studio	Departure
17.00-19.00	Discussion	Discussion	Presentation	Discussion	Discussion	Final presentation	
19.00-19.30	Lecture	Lecture		Studio	Lecture		

## The first steps...

### Step 1: Start thinking

Select one of the “points of view”

### Step 2: Monday morning

Visit of study area

Keep notes, take photos, make sketches, discuss with people, think, etc

Exchange experience and ideas with other students

### Step 3: Monday afternoon

Finalize the selection of “point of view”

Make mixed groups of 4 or 5 students

### Step4: Studio

Group working

Discussion with tutors

### Step 5: ...



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